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SUBJECT: IZURIETA WASHINGTON VISIT WITH CSAF

REFERENCES: A) CSAF 161949Z MAY 74 (NOTAL)

B) CSAF 161931Z MAY 74 (NOTAL)

1. WE FIND IT REGRETTABLE THAT IZURIETA DID NOT MEET WITH GENERAL PRICE AND WAS TOO IMPATIENT TO AWAIT RETURN OF CSAF. AS YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE NAVY CAN TELL YOU, IZURIETA'S UNFORTUNATE BEHAVIOR IS VIRTUALLY A CARBON COPY REPLAY OF ADMIRAL VASQUEZ' VISIT WITH OUR NAVY IN FEBRUARY.

2. EXASPERATING AS IT AT TIMES MAY BE, (AND IT IS*), WE BELIEVE THERE IS NONETHELESS A U.S. INTEREST IN NURSING THE ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE ALONG AND, AGAIN, JUDGING FROM OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THEIR NAVY, WE ARE CONFIDENT A SOLID AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE HIGH COMMANDS CAN BE ESTABLISHED. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT CSAF MEET WITH GENERAL MOREJON IF POSSIBLE, EVEN THOUGH LATTER IS PRESENTLY IADB DELEGATE AND NOT ACCREDITED TO THE AIR FORCE. IF CSAF IS UNAVAILABLE, PERHAPS GENERAL PRICE COULD HOLD MEETING WITH MOREJON. FACT THAT HE WAS TAPPED BY IZURIETA TO HOLD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH
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USAF SUGGESTS THAT HE HAS CONFIDENCE OF AIR FORCE HIGH

COMMAND HERE.

3. WE WOULD HOPE SOMETHING ALONG FOREGOING LINES COULD
BE ARRANGED AS PART OF OUR CONTINUING EFFORT TO RESTORE
GOODRELATIONS WITH ECUADOREAN MILITARY.
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